

FEB 24 2004

3 SHEETS BY TELEFAX  
TO 703-872-9306

PTO/SB/30 (05-03)

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Request  
For  
Continued Examination (RCE)  
TransmittalAddress to:  
Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Application Number     | 09/633,681        |
| Filing Date            | August 7, 2000    |
| First Named Inventor   | Dieter THELEN     |
| Art Unit               | 2856              |
| Examiner Name          | J. M. Saint Surin |
| Attorney Docket Number | 3896              |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **(Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114)** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☒ Other RESPONSE FILED ON 12/22/2003
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☒ Other ENCLOSED: 1 (ONE) MONTH TERM EXTENSION RUNNING FROM ADVISORY and CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM (PTO-2038) (ACTION)
3. **Fees**
- The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge, ~~for~~ any deficiency in following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
- a. ☒ Deposit Account No. 50-0507 (ONLY FOR DEFICIENCY OR ADDITIONAL PROPER FEES)
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other DEFICIENCY IN FEES OR OTHER FEES PROPERLY DUE
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) (\$770 (RCE FEE) + \$110 (1 Month Extension Fee) = (\$880.00)
- WARNING:** Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

|                   |                        |                                   |                   |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Name (Print/Type) | Walter E. Fasse        | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 36132             |
| Signature         | <i>Walter E. Fasse</i> | Date                              | February 24, 2004 |

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or its authorized service center, or is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below. (FAX NO.: (703) 872-9306)

|                   |                        |      |                   |
|-------------------|------------------------|------|-------------------|
| Name (Print/Type) | Walter E. Fasse        | Date | February 24, 2004 |
| Signature         | <i>Walter E. Fasse</i> |      |                   |

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.114. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

02/26/2004 AWONDAF1 00000040 09633681

01 FC:1801

770.00 0P